

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Tanzania

The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.

Import Tariffs

Tanzania is a member of the [East African Community](#) (EAC) customs union along with Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda. Customs tariffs, rules of origin, import prohibitions, and trade remedy regulations have been harmonized through the EAC. Tanzania imposes the EAC common external tariff on goods imported from non-EAC countries. These import tariffs are levied at an ad-valorem rate on the cost, insurance and freight (c.i.f.) value of goods at the point of entry to the EAC customs union.

East African Community (EAC): Tariffs (percent ad valorem) on Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	0 - 10
-wool	5105-5110	0 - 10
-cotton	5204-5207	10 - 25
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	10
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0 - 25
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Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	25
-wool	5111-5113	25
-cotton	5208-5212	25 - 50*
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	25
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	25 - 50*
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Knit Fabric	60	25
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Non Woven Fabric	5603	10
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Industrial Fabric	59	0 - 25
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Apparel	61-62	25 - 50*
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Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63**	0 - 50*
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Carpet	57	25
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Footwear	64	10 - 25
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Travel Goods	4202	25

*In the EAC CET, some goods are listed on Sensitive Items (SI) list and are subject to rates of 50%

**Some items are subject to per unit tariffs.

To return to the Foreign Tariff Information webpage, click [here](#).

For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [Tanzania Revenue Authority](#)
- [East African Customs Union](#)

Standards

Tanzania has compulsory standards for various textile products (e.g., fabrics, home furnishings, protective textiles, medical textiles and personal sanitary textile products), footwear and leather. See the [Tanzania Bureau of Standards - TBS](#) for a [list of compulsory standards](#). The Tanzania Bureau of Standards - TBS requires that certain products obtain pre-export verification of conformity (PVoC) for exports into Tanzania. The PVoC procedure applies to products subject to technical regulations, which includes used textiles, toys, furniture, safety equipment, and electrical products. Products subject to PVoC must obtain a certificate of conformity (CoC) issued by an authorized PVoC service provider in the country of export prior to shipment. The CoC confirms that the products comply with the relevant Tanzanian technical regulations or approved equivalent international/regional standards.

Many voluntary standards have been harmonized for uniform application by EAC members. A comprehensive list of the East African can be found on the [EAC Standards Technical Management Committee – STMC webpage](#).


Labeling

Tanzania has the following standards related to labeling textile and apparel products:

- TZS 691 - General labeling of all products manufactured from textiles
- TZS 692 - Textiles – Guide for care labeling of textiles for laundering and dry cleaning
- TZS 693 - Textiles – Size designation of clothes – Women's and girl's outwear garments
- TZS 898 - Textiles – Specifications for school wear for boys and girls – Requirements for making school wear

In early 2017, Tanzania [notified to the World Trade Organization, a draft standard](#) describing the system of graphic symbols representing care information to be used on the label for textile articles. The symbols used in the standard are the subject of International trademarks held by GINETEX (the International Association for Textile Care Labelling).

For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click [here](#).



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